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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. Applicants believe this response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner, thus no additional fees are due. Applicants request that any additional fees required for the consideration of this response be charged to Deposit Account 13-3723.